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COMPLIMENTARY

Squaxin Island Tribe Welcomes Senator Patty Murray

Senator Patty Murray received a warm welcome when she visited the Squaxin Island Museum Library and Research Center (MLRC) on February 20th. Charlene Krise, Executive Director of MLRC, gave the senator a tour of the museum to acquaint her with the fruit of her labor, a state-of-the-art multi-media center that has become the highlight of the facility's storytelling circle. Tribal Council was also present to greet her as she toured.



Executive Director Ray Peters looks on as MLRC Director Charlene Krise gets a hug from Senator Patty Murray

The senator was instrumental in securing federal appropriations through HUD for \$180,000. The funding supports the exhibits, staff and multi-media which includes live video conferencing capabilities and allows visitors to play educational videos and view Power Point presentations and other computer programs on an enormous 10'x10' screen.

"This is a world class facility," Senator Murray said. "It is absolutely astounding!"

"I understand the word Squaxin means 'in between' signifying this land that bridges Puget Sound and Hood Canal," she said.

"This is fitting because this facility, too, acts as a bridge, a bridge between your

history and your future, the youth and the elders, the Squaxin Island community and the public. I'm really impressed by the way the museum honors the past by using modern technologies."

In a demonstration by Development Officer Dale Clark of the multi-media center's communications capabilities, Chairman of the Port Gamble Klallam Tribe, Ron Charles, was present via the teleconference communications system during the small ceremony which included an invocation by Tribal Council member Paula Henry, a dedication by MLRC Board Vice Chair Lorna Gouin, a performance by Squaxin Island youth dancers and special guest speakers Senator Tim Sheldon, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission Chairman Billy Frank, Jr., State Representative John McCoy



(L-R): MLRC Board Vice Chair Lorna Gouin, Senator Patty Murray and MLRC Director Charlene Krise

and Evergreen State College President Thomas L Purce and The Applied Research Center Director Alan Parker.

"I am happy to greet you, my friends and relatives," said State Repre-

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MLRC Development Officer Dale Clark speaks with Port Gamble Klallam Chairman Ron Charles via the multi-media center's new live video teleconference system as Billy Frank, Jr. (L), Senator Patty Murray, Tribal Council member Paula Henry, Makah Tribal Chairman Blanchard Matte, Squaxin Island Executive Director Ray Peters (by the post) look on. In the back are MLRC Director Charlene Krise and Board member Russell Harper.



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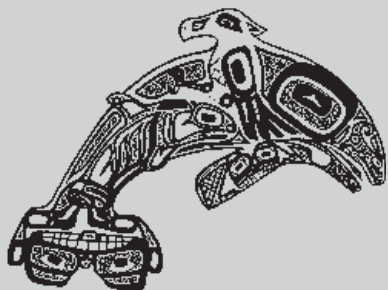
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COMMUNITY

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L-R: Senator Patty Murray, Tribal Council member Paula Henry, Makah Tribal Chairman Blanchard Matte, MLRC Director Charlene Krise, Andrea Sigo, Florence Sigo, and MLRC Board Vice Chair Lorna Gouin

sentative John McCoy, also a member of the Tulalip Tribes. "You have done a great job here at Squaxin Island. This is exactly what the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act was designed to accomplish (speaking of the funding provided by tribal gaming revenues for construction of the facility)."

MLRC Board Vice Chair Lorna Gouin introduced Senator Murray to a fourth generation (since planning for a tribal museum began) family member, little Florence Sigo (the daughter of Steve and Andrea Sigo) who just a few months old. Lorna said, "I visit my ancestors when I come here. I spend time with them and

am filled with memories looking at the photographs along the *Hall of the Seven Inlets*. It is with great emotion that I thank you for being here and for all of the help that you have given us."

Senator Murray concluded her visit by saying, "I want to pay special tribute to the tribal elders, who for more than 30 years worked tirelessly to ensure the traditions and culture of 'The People of the Water' would be preserved for future generations."

"I am very proud to have helped secure funding to complete this incredible project," she said.



Squaxin Island youth perform for Senator Patty Murray and other distinguished guests as the event is shown live on the multi-media center's motion picture screen.



Construction Update

Administration Building

Heat! On Tuesday February 17, Mason County PUD installed the transformers to provide power to the building. A short time later some of the heat pumps were turned on for the first time. Now we can condition the interior of the facility and bring in the drywall. Outside the building the siding and roof are complete except for a few finishing touches. The poles at both main entrances are up and the doors have been installed. Next month we will build sidewalks and attend to details like outside lighting and final grading.

Boardwalk

Ten years in the planning, the boardwalk which connects the museum, cultural center and administration building is being built. The finished project will wrap around a pond to the east of the buildings. Additionally, an area just to the south of the boardwalk and museum parking has been cleared and will be developed as a future building to carve canoes.

Child Development Center

Despite snow and rain, the Child Development Center project remains on track. Mason County PUD hooked up electricity to the site on February 13. The septic system and storm drainage system are being built, soon to be followed by the roads and parking areas. Most of the interior framing is complete. The massive beams for the roof are almost in place and sheeting the roof should take place in the next few weeks.

Fire Station

On February 9th, the Tribe received notification of the award of a HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) in the amount of \$500,000 for our project to build a new fire station in partnership with Fire District #4. Congratulations to Brian Thompson and the entire Planning Department for getting us this award. The grant will fund approximately 2/3 of the project with the rest being funded by the Fire District. The Tribe and the Fire District still have some details to work out before construction can begin this fall or early 2005.

Intertribal Professional Center

The Intertribal Professional Building, the new home of SPIPA, is close to going out for bid. The Tribe has secured a USDA low-interest loan and a HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) to pay for the building. The building will be constructed on the site of the old Island Enterprises and old Natural Resources Department trailers. Construction should begin in a few months.



The administration building



The boardwalk (above from the east and below from the west)



The childcare center





HARSTINE OYSTER COMPANY



New \$100k Scow is the HIOC's Pride and Joy

A beautiful new \$100,000 aluminum scow arrived at Harstine Oyster Company (HOC) on February 2, 2004, just days before the company's only other scow, an aging wooden vessel, sank to the bottom of Peale Passage.

According to HOC Beds Manager and tribal member Arnold Cooper, the ailing 15+ year-old scow's floor was so decayed you could see inside the floor and watch water seeping in through the hull.

"It couldn't have been fixed at this point," he said. "It wouldn't have lasted through the winter no matter what we did."

"We're really happy," Arnold said of the new replacement vessel. "It's the best thing in the world!"

According to Arnold, HOC employees and the Planning Department have been working on this project cooperatively for several years. "It was something that was really needed. We needed it even when Herb (Johns) was here. We started getting pushy about it, but we had to."

David Frey (former Tribal Planner) and Planner Lynn Scroggins wrote a \$74,400 grant to USDA under the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program. The rest of the money came from Island Enterprise, Arnold said. "And the really amaz-

ing thing is that he continued to work with us and help us out even when he was no longer employed by the Tribe. He did it all on his own time. And we all really appreciate that!"

"Everyone worked together on this for several years," he continued. "We had to look for grants that we would qualify for, put out bids, study various models, make the decision and finally oversee the



process of construction."

The new 14' x 40' all aluminum vessel boasts two 200hp Honda outboard motors and a hydrolic boom and pump.

"This scow is going to be a life-saver for everybody," Arnold said. "We plan to share it with the Natural Resources Department so the fish and shellfish programs can benefit from it too. They should be



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*Out with the old (R) and in with the new (L)!
The old cabin and hull "Rest In Piece(s) - R.I.P." below*



able to use it to pull nets out of the water and wash them mechanically rather than by hand," he said. (Maybe a few dozen canoe paddlers and all their gear will make good use of it too!)

"It might take me a little while to learn how to use it (the new boom and pump), because its really different," Arnold said. "But it can pull anything out of the water."

Arnold is extending an invitation to the Tribal Council and tribal members to take a ride on the new scow.

"I want everybody to come out and see it," Arnold said. I can pick people up at Arcadia if necessary," he said.

"I'm really happy," he continued. "It's well worth the money and the wait!"

"I think it will boost morale around here. Now we can give Minterbrook

(Oyster Company) a little competition. When they come driving down the bay chuckling at us, we'll have something to flash back at them!" he said with a gigantic grin.

"I love it here. I could never work anywhere else," the ten year HOC veteran said with a great deal of pride in his voice. "I've been out here a long time. Its the best job in the world. I love being on the water and working for my tribe."



Anyone wishing to visit the new scow and/or HOC, is welcome to contact Arnold at 426-4933.



Little Creek Casino Hotel to Offer Best in Hospitality

Sam Askew - I am pleased to tell you today that since opening in late December, your hotel has seen a steady growth in occupancy and in revenues. In fact we are selling out on a regular basis for weekends, which leads to increased earnings on the casino floor.

Occupancy continues to be above 50%, which is just great for a midwinter opening, and our sales team is booking many months out into the future with groups, conferences and events. As this effort continues you will see the occupancy rates continue to climb and new market share develop.



The official hotel Grand Opening was held on Fat Tuesday (February 24th) as part of Marti Gras celebrations. LCC General Manager Doug Boon is flanked by Hotel Director Sam Askew and Tribal Chairman David Lopeman (R).

We're continuing with our marketing efforts and draw many gaming guests to the hotel. This is great for us, as it not only means a full hotel room, but increased gaming revenue and Food & Beverage buys. The past few weeks have seen some of the best ever results for us in all departments and the marketing plans are paying great dividends here!!

While we make this push to fill the hotel and draw upon new revenue sources, let's not forget who we are. Now, more than ever, it's time to pick up the service pace. It's time for that big move. It's time to keep the momentum going. We shouldn't be looking for a better 2004 because, it's already arrived. We just have to recognize it and capitalize on it.

This is the running mantra of the hotel these days and it is paying off for us and for you!

By all accounts, even the pessimistic ones, the last few months of 2003 were "fair," in an economic sense, and 2004 is going to be "good." Not flat, not so-so, not even okay—it's going to be good. Really good? Like, mid-nineties good? Probably not. But it's going to be the best it's been in awhile, so we need to make the most of this opportunity.

Hotel owners and developers found themselves operating through another difficult year in 2003 during our construction. While the threat of homeland terrorism lingered, the real "terrorism" in many ways, were some alarmist news media and nay-saying

individuals. The first areas these media spotlight during tense times are the travel, restaurant, hotel and gaming industries. Likewise, uninformed individuals with personal grievances and non-related issues take to the streets waving banners of discontent. You as owners and investors are anxiously expecting growth in your portfolio in 2004, but with assassins like these out there, it may not be easy.

Therefore, as a group, as a community and as a business, we have to reconnect. We have to pull out all the stops and take ourselves off hold. It's time to answer the call and give our visitors, guests and customers exactly what they want. By doing so, we will realize the gains we so desperately seek in 2004.

If you've read my column previously, you know that the message has been and always will be a very simple one: be hospitable. That's hospitality, i.e., "The act, practice or quality of receiving and entertaining strangers or guests in a friendly and generous way."

As the industry strengthens and consumer confidence rises, the guest is going to remember something that we may have a hard time putting back into place: "Great Hospitality and Service, Year 2000 Style."

Remember that? I hope so, because our guests are going to remember it at a much faster pace as times get better. It's time to get the industry rolling (at least at our property), chugging along the way it used to be.

A few years back, when everyone was cruising and things were good, we were more hospitable than can now be imagined. That's good, because we learned something. We learned that being hospitable is the real key to being successful in this industry. After 9/11, most of the industry had to circle the wagons and make difficult cuts, both in expenditures and personnel; cuts are still being made by other tribes today. This period was necessary to keep an equilibrium with consumer confidence. Soon afterwards the public began seeing some lower prices, more coupons, etc, etc. However, as the economy got stronger and profit margins in our industry reestablished themselves, the level of service did not follow suit and return to previous levels.

While most industries tend to cater to the lowest common denominator of the general populace, we are the only industry that strives to educate them on what is good, what is right, and what it is they want. Once we give it to them, however, we couldn't take it away without proper justification. The after effects of terrorism were proper justification, there's no doubt about that. But now it's 2004 and there are no excuses any more.

Ours is one of the last remaining industries to rely on human interactions, while everything else is becoming automated and computerized. Service is all we really have to upsell any more. It's priceless to the guest and, for operators, is a "sunk cost." It's already been budgeted and paid for. Some just aren't using it properly. Guests will pay a lot of money for it these days. They need it, they want it, they miss it, and, thanks to us, they are educated about it. We already have hospitality and great service in our inventory, and although it is intangible, it is extremely perishable. In fact, that's why it's such a hot commodity these days.



Supply and demand dictate market price, and the supply is much, much shorter than the demand. It's time to capitalize. We have to understand that 2004 isn't going to be a good year; 2004 IS a good year.

We're often motivated by some type of inspirational message from the gurus of the industry about upselling food, appetizers, cocktails, desserts, rooms and everything else for sale that's tangible. However, that train has already left the station. We've educated the guest so well that they already know what appetizers, cocktails, desserts and rooms they want. We may be able to upsell some of it, but that's not what they're looking for. They're looking for service. They're looking for hospitality. So, while we may have to increase our labor force a little and make an investment on the front end, we will reap the benefits on the back end.

It's simple: hospitality is the right thing to do. It's our greatest asset: totally intangible, and currently priceless.

As operators, we need to go back in our minds to the days before the dot-com crash, and bring back that mentality in our industry. It's not as expensive as you might think to give SUPERIOR CUSTOMER SERVICE and exceed the expectations of our guests. Neither is it that difficult. Maybe you already practice it, maybe you don't. Cutting corners may have worked for the past couple of years, but it won't in 2004. We educated the public about what we're capable of doing and how we're capable of performing. Now they have a little money in their pockets to spend, and they want us to give them SUPERIOR CUSTOMER SERVICE. When they don't get it, they won't come back. The staff of the hotel and casino live this everyday and are working hard to ensure that our guests WILL be back.

Give guests what they want, not what we want them to have. Our efforts are to exceed their expectations now more than ever. After the long industry wide decline in customer service, we'll give them service that will surprise and delight them. If we do, then we have then created a long-term customer whose loyalty will be as priceless as the intangible they just bought from us.

Our guests are educated, sophisticated, and know what they want. They know they can get rooms, food, liquor, en-

tertainment and gaming anywhere. What they're shopping for is SUPERIOR CUSTOMER SERVICE, and only those who render it are going to prosper. After all... -It's a really good year!!



Tribal Chairman David Lopeman cuts the ribbon at the hotel Grand Opening ceremony. Tribal Council Secretary Vince Henry backs him up (middle). Photo by Marilee Ransdell.

Island Enterprises Update

The tobacco company is continuing to come together. Doug Johns, Yum Krise and Mike Hill Jr. have been working to get the factory area and offices ready for ATF. The area is now well defined and card locks are in place for the bonded

areas. The crew will continue work on the interior over the next few weeks. The machines have officially been ordered and work on them has begun. The timeframe for their completion and shipment is expected to be around August.

Bob Whitener is meeting with the machine supplier to firm up the training program for the two tribal members expected to be hired in April or May.

There has also been considerable work being done on the marketing and branding aspects of the factory. The tribe has been working with a firm called imagio from Seattle and will be working on a strategic marketing plan for the future.

On a related note, come check out the new sign at KTP. The sign should help direct more customers to the store and announce specials.

The Enterprises held its first marketing meeting regarding the problems of marketing fish and shellfish. The group was not large but very interested in working on the problem. Will Penn, Russel Harper, and Lynn Scroggins attended and helped get the group started. This is proving to be an important undertaking given current problems with clam buyers and their markets. By the time this is printed another meeting will have been held and hopefully more ideas for finding solutions will be developed.



Yum Krise



Mike Hill



Doug Johns



Rez Kids

A new photo exhibit entitled "Rez Kids" is now on display at the museum. Tribal youth were provided cameras and given an opportunity to photograph the things that are important to them in their every day lives. The photos were then compiled by Tribal member Russell Harper and beautifully displayed in the museum gallery area. The exhibit is fun and interesting! Stop in and check it out! A reception will be held at 6:00 p.m. on March 5th. Everyone is invited!

MLRC Receives \$150K Grant

The MLRC has been awarded a two-year Grant from the Ford Foundation for \$150,000 for arts related projects. This is a "significant milestone for the MLRC in terms of attracting this caliber of a funding and the arts programs we will be able to deliver" says Director Charlene Krise. We will be able to provide an array of tribal art classes, demonstrations and arts in residence programs for our community. The grant includes Salish design workshops and print making workshops with Evergreen State College. If you have ideas for arts programming please give me a call at 432.3851. Thank you Ford Foundation.

Seventh Panel in Hall of the Seven Inlets Complete

The final panel in the Hall of the Seven Inlets is complete. Stop by and check it out. You'll be glad you did! The graphics for the seven panels were created by tribal member Jeremiah George and they are incredible.

The seventh panel depicts Carr Inlet and Squaxin Island. There are several photos of original island homes and a lot of interesting information.



Who Is It?



*For the Answer
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How About This One?



Robert Napoleon



Chief Leschi

May Be Exonerated

SEATTLE – Nearly 150 years after Nisqually Chief Leschi's execution, his murder conviction may soon be overturned.

It's a proud culture more than 10,000 years old, but a heritage marred by what is widely considered one of the greatest wrongs in Washington history.

The Nisqually Tribe's Chief Leschi was hanged after being convicted for the killing of a white soldier during the Indian Wars of 1855.

Since then, the tribe has argued in vain that their hero was framed by the U.S. government:

"You talk to the elders who remember their mothers, their grandmothers, their grandfathers talking about what happened, and you hear the anger in their voices," said Cynthia Iyall, Nisqually Tribe.

Now the State Legislature is hearing their pleas. Lawmakers are preparing to ask the State Supreme Court to overturn Leschi's conviction after looking at evidence that exonerates the chief, but was never introduced during his trial.

"I think it's a black spot in history and it's time we said he didn't do it," said Sen. Marilyn Rasmussen, D-Olympia.

This would be the first time the Supreme Court has overturned the conviction of an executed man – a move that for the Nisqually comes 146 years too late, but one that's incredibly important nonetheless.

"I think it's important for the kids, the future, for tribal members to grow up knowing that their historical icon was an honorable man who had so many qualities," said Iyall.

The move to clear Chief Leschi's name came after one of his last living descendants pleaded with tribal members to make it happen. That relative died just a few months later.

NCAI Passes a Tribal Free Press Resolution

On Nov 21, 2003, the governing council for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) passed a resolution supporting a Free and Independent Native Press. The resolution, sponsored by Lisa and Frank King III, encourages all tribal nations to adopt policies, which ensure Freedom of the Press and further calls upon all tribal governments to pass similar policies that allow the unrestricted flow of information concerning news and news events. As an active member of the Native American Journalists Association, Frank King, said the resolution was a perfect fit for NAJA's ongoing efforts in the fight for a free and unfettered press in Indian country.

The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #ABQ-03-042

Title: *Support of A Free and Independent Native Press*

WHEREAS, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and WHEREAS, the NCAI supports the Native American Journalists Association which can be reached at Native American Journalists Association, U of South Dakota, 414 E Clark Street, Vermillion, SD 57069 tel: 605.677.5282, fax: 866.694.4264, email: info@naja.com, the Society of Professional Journalists, and the adherence to the standards of accepted ethics of journalism as defined by these professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, those standards and ethics state that every person has the right to seek, receive and impart information and opinions freely, by any means of communication without any discrimination for reasons of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinions, national or social origin, economic status, birth or any other social condition, with equal opportunity; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of all Indian Tribes to respect the civil rights of their people set forth in their perspective Constitutions and Laws; and

WHEREAS, freedom of expression in all its forms and manifestations is a fundamental and inalienable right of all individuals; and

WHEREAS, restrictions to the free circulation of ideas and opinions, as well as the arbitrary imposition of information and the imposition of obstacles to the free flow of information violate the right to freedom of expression; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCAI does hereby affirm policies regarding a Free Press to ensure All Media, including Tribal Media have the independence to report objectively; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI supports the principles of free speech, free press, and the rights of the people to have access to information and/or to communicate and express freely information and carry out media in an independent manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCAI encourages Tribal Nations to ensure Freedom of the Press and develop those Media Policies so the rights of the People will not be abridged; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 60th Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at the Albuquerque Convention Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on November 21, 2003 with a quorum present.



LEARNING CENTER



Scholarship Corner

American Indian Endowed

Scholarship: Applicants must be financially needy students with close cultural ties to an American Indian tribe who will be enrolled full-time at a public or independent college or university in the State of Washington by fall term 2004. Application materials must be submitted as one complete unit, including the following attachments: 1) A statement describing the applicant's close social and cultural ties to an American Indian Tribe and/or community in Washington State; 2) A statement of intent to return service to the state's American Indian community; 3) Three letters of recommendation. Two of the letters should verify the student's social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe or community within the state, and one letter should address the applicant's character and commitment to return service to the state's American Indian community; 4) High school, GED, and/or college transcripts, as applicable; and, 5) The signed release of information form, as printed on the application.

National Native American Youth

Initiative: Native American high school students planning to enter the health professions between the ages of 16 through 18 years old are eligible to apply. Students must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA (A=4.0). 1) One page essay expressing plans to enter the health professions (double spaced). 2) Current academic transcript. 3) Letter of Recommendation from school counselor/teacher. 4) Primary Data Sheet. 5) Photograph.

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03/15/04

St. Martin's Merit Scholarships
– www.stmartin.edu

University of Portland - \$7,000-\$12,000
per year – www.admission@vp.edu

WASA/PEMCO 3@ \$4,000 – Career in
Education – Deadline 03/05/04

Sammy 2004 Got Milk? –
www.whymilk.com – Deadline 03/05/04

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wide – Deadline 03/15/04

PSE Employees Scholarship – 10 @
\$500 – Deadline 03/15/04

State PSE – 10 @ \$500 – Deadline 03/
15/04

Education Communication Scholarship
@ \$202,000 – Deadline 05/15/04

Simpson Mark E. Reed Scholarship – 10
@ \$3,000 – Deadline 03/31/04

Olympic College Scholarship Packet
– Deadline 03/26/04

Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center Update

Homework Center, Monday through
Thursday, 3:00 to 5:00pm in TLC. Please
have students come to TLC prepared to
work. Main focus of the homework center
is to provide students with assistance in
completing daily homework assignments
and study for tests.

Private Tutoring Sessions are now
being offered in TLC. A certified teacher
will be available for private individual
tutoring sessions. If your child needs a
little extra help in any academic areas,
please call to schedule an individual

tutoring session. Call Lisa Evans at 432-
3882 or stop by TLC to schedule your
appointment.

Reading Program Sessions are
being offered in TLC every Tuesday and
Thursday, between 4:00-6:00pm. We
have state of the art reading curriculum
and equipment available. Individual
reading sessions can also be scheduled,
contact Lisa Evans at 432-3882 or stop by
TLC to schedule your session.

Staff Hours

The Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center staff is
available during the following hours:

Kim Cooper, Director	8:30 – 5:00	432-3904
Mark Snyder, Youth Coordinator	8:30 – 6:00	432-3872
Walt Archer, Education Liaison	7:30 – 4:00	432-3826
Lisa Evans, Administrative Assistant	8:30 – 5:00	432-3882
Jeremiah George, Cultural Coordinator	10:30 – 7:00	432-3968
Wednesday thru Sunday		
Chris Henry, Volunteer Tutor	3:00 – 5:00	
Monday thru Thursday		
Patricia Green, Volunteer Tutor	4:00 – 6:00	
Kurt Poste, Volunteer Tutor	4:00 – 6:00	
Mandy Valley, Volunteer Reading Tutor	4:00 – 6:00	432-3882
Tuesday and Thursday		

Have a Graduating Senior in the Family?

Time to get busy on their button robe

WORKSHOPS: SMS ART ROOM 6:00
February 10 & 24
March 23
April 13 & 27
May 4, 11, 18 & 25



HOC Update

Oyster sales are strong this year, totaling \$292,957 since October 1st. Half of these sales were generated from oyster meat, and the remaining half of sales were split between oyster singles and Manilla clams.

The demand for oyster singles is so incredibly high, we have engaged in a "stocking" program with the Skokomish Tribe. Harstine Oyster Company buys smaller oyster singles picked out of Hood Canal and uses a portion of these for direct sales, while the remainder are used to stock oyster company beaches.

The oysters found in Hood Canal are very durable and resist crab predation well, thus allowing them to prosper in our growing conditions to attain an ultimately 'larger' oyster single. This process speeds up our turn around time on single oyster production, as the seed we produce from larvae is much more susceptible to predation and takes approximately 1.5 years longer to mature to the 'larger' size class. This stocking program will allow H.O.C. to grow into the single oyster business to a much greater proportion than we are currently.

It is very evident based on single oyster demands, that if we had an insatiable supply, single oyster sales would surpass meat sales considerably. This is part of the long-term plan at H.O.C., where we are already known around the globe for our award winning Palela Bay Pacifics.

Harstine Oyster Company, through a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture, recently took delivery of our new oyster scow, built by Ed Wing Boats. This addition was long overdue at the company and will make work easier and, most importantly, safer. With the 350 degree articulating boom and cable system, it is possible to accomplish many tasks previously made very difficult with the company's older oyster scow. The 40 x 14 foot vessel is powered by two Honda V-6 four strokes, which are friendlier to the environment and cut travel time down significantly. In addition, the new oyster scow can carry up to a 50,000 lb payload!

We are currently gearing up for

oyster seed production with the use of our own shell cleaning machine, which was put into production two summers ago.

In addition to building oyster inventory this summer, H.O.C. will be enhancing and planting several Manilla clam locations on the Harstine Island side for future production. We have also installed a "French drain" bisecting the upland property in an effort to keep water from pooling up on the property, as well as a large 'lean to' for an out-of-the-weather mechanic station.

Feel free to come and see us anytime for a look at the new scow or a visit around the plant. We hope to chat with you then.

Daily News

If you are interested in receiving tribal news on a daily basis with information on events and activities, tides and other things, please call Theresa Henderson at 432-3945 or JeNene Miller at 432-3820 and give us your email address. We'll get you on the list to begin receiving the Daily Scoop the next day.

Thank you.

Natural Resources Hotline

360-432-3899

Check This Out! Nice Job, Vinny & Tully



Attention

Housing Applicants

It's that time of year again - time to update your housing application. The Office of Housing has mailed a letter including an application to update your housing file. Your application must be received no later than March 31, 2004 or your name will be removed from the Housing Waiting List. Be sure to keep the Office of Housing up to date regarding your current information (i.e. address, phone number, household composition changes...). The following have not completed the application update. Please contact the Office of Housing at 426-9781 if you have any questions or concerns.

Updates Needed From (primary list)

Charles Bloomfield
Clayton Briggs
Lawton Case
Loretta Case
Shannon Cooper
Alexandria Cooper-Lewis
Rachel Edwards Johns
David Elam
Teresa Ford
Violet Garcia (Perez)
Candee Greywolf-Gillette
Tiffany Hartwell
Walter Johns Henry III
Del Allen Johns
Bryan Johnson
David Lewis
Rebecca Lezon-Ferreira
Kristin Penn
William Penn
Donna Peratrovich
Thomas Peterson
Astrid Poste
Ericka Poste
Shelby Riley
Nancy Rose
Josephine Sabo
Lincoln Villanueva
Patrick Whitener
Leroy Yocash

(secondary list)

Stanley Bluehorse
Allen Eggsman



Outdoor Activity of the Month

William Cannon Footpath

Have you noticed the new brown sign on the 101 freeway near the Mud Bay Exit, "William Cannon Trail?" Here is more information about that trail.

What: William Cannon Footpath is a gravel trail approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile long that skirts Mud Bay. There are places to stop and observe wildlife at the bay's edge. Its a great place for **birdwatching** and a great respite from a busy day. The trail winds behind the buildings in the business park.

How to Get there: Take HWY 101 South toward Olympia. Exit at Mud Bay Road/ Evergreen State College. Turn LEFT off the ramp onto 2nd Avenue. Turn LEFT just past the overpass onto Madrona Beach Road. Take Madrona Beach Road for .4 miles (past Snell Crane & Bay Storage) and turn RIGHT into the WSDOT Park & Ride on the right. **The trailhead is at the back left corner of the park & ride.**

Facilities: Signage about the Squaxin Island Tribe, logging, shellfish, & William

Cannon. There are no restrooms or benches.

Activities: Viewing wildlife, meditating, listening to nature. From the trail, visitors can peer across the mudflats to an ancient Squi' Aitl fishing village on property now owned by former Secretary of State Ralph Munro.

History: Dedicated in April, 2002, the 4,000-foot-long trail is named after the only American in a 41-member Hudson's

MEAL PROGRAM MENU

A salad bar will be available at each meal, as well as fresh fruit or fruit salad. Beverages available each meal: 2% milk, fat free milk, crystal light, water, coffee, tea, hot chocolate. Sandwiches are available on request instead of the entrée listed. Want seconds? - Just ask or help yourself! Free to seniors 55 and older and \$3 for all others.

Food Group	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Meat	Chicken Fettucini ¹	Salmon ³	Indian Tacos ⁴
Vegetable	Broccoli	Steamed Veggies	Copper Pennies
Grains/Bread	Fettucini Noodles	Baby Red Potatoes	Wheat Fry Bread
Meat	Beef Stroganoff ⁸	Breakfast for Dinner, Eggs ¹⁰	Turkey Noodle Soup ¹¹
Vegetable	Mixed Vegetables	Strawberries	Sandwich Bar
Grains/Bread	Noodles	Waffles	Broccoli Salad
Meat	St. Pat's Day Corned Beef ¹⁵	Chicken Cattatore ¹⁷	Tuna & Egg Sandwiches ¹⁸
Vegetable	Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes	Green Beans	Fresh Veggie Tray
Grains/Bread	Wheat Rolls	Brown Rice	Bread for Sandwiches
Meat	Chicken & Bean Burritos ²²	Vegetable Quiche ²⁴	Chalupas ²⁵
Vegetable	Bean Salad	Steamed Veggies	Corn
Grains/Bread	Wheat Tortillas	Orzo Pilaf	Pintos, Brown Rice
Meat	Beef Vegetable Soup ²⁹	Lasagna ³¹	
Vegetable	Sandwich Bar	Zucchini	
Grains/Bread	Spinach Salad	French Bread	
	Bread		



Bay Co. expedition that stopped at Mud Bay on its way north from Oregon to the Fraser River Valley. The date was Dec. 6, 1824. Cannon was the first American pioneer to set eyes on Eld Inlet.

Ralph Munro was the master of ceremonies at the trail dedication and a driving force behind the project that is an extension of trail-building, tree-planting and flower-planting involving the McLane School Forest and Trails Committee. Jim Peters was also present at the dedication & was quoted in the Olympian.

The trail is sandwiched between the shoreline and the Bayside Business Park, a complex of offices, warehouses and light industrial businesses between U.S. Highway 101 and the inlet. The public access corridor was a county requirement for obtaining building permits for the project.

"This project shows that industry and the public can coincide and work together," said Ron Thompson of Bayside Investments, developers of the business park.

Duke Energy, which is building a gas-fired power plant at Satsop in Grays Harbor County, donated \$30,000 and 1,000 trees to the project.

The trail offers several vantage points for viewing wildlife, including shorebirds, great blue herons, river otters and salmon.

Dear Nutritionist:

Diabetes runs in our family. I heard that more and more Native Americans are getting Diabetes because we are too inactive & we have strayed from eating the way our ancestors did. How can I help my family, especially my kids, to avoid getting diabetes?

Signed,

Wanting to be healthy

Dear Wanting to be healthy:

Thank you for your concern. More and more children are being diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes since people are less active and eating larger portions.

Here are a few tips from the American Diabetes Association. I hope you can use some tips that would help your family:

- Start cultivating taste buds and eating habits as early as possible. Offer a variety of foods, including vegetables as the first course or as you prepare the meal, when your child is most hungry.
 - Be a good role model. You can't expect your children to have good eating habits if you don't have them yourself.
 - Don't cook separately for the kids—offer the same foods to the entire family.
 - Get children involved in food preparation. They'll eat more of foods they help prepare.
 - Make changes slowly. Pick one habit you want to change per month. Serve fruit for dessert
 - Make sure your children eat breakfast. Make it easy for them to prepare on their own—have whole grain cereals, fresh fruit, and low-fat milks or yogurts available.
 - Control portions by serving small portions & have them ask for more. Think in terms of cups and half cups. Serve ice cream in small bowls, not large cereal bowls.
 - When eating out, never 'supersize'. Think small. Order a small hamburger and a small French fries. Use the kid's meals—the portions are right for kids. Order lowfat milk instead of soda or shakes.
 - When eating out in sit down restaurants, avoid the kid's menu. The choices are generally not very healthy and they are limited. Teach children how to order from the menu creatively to get smaller portions and/or to split orders or share menu items.
 - Don't buy it—chips, soda, doughnuts, candy, etc. Remember, if you buy it, you eat it.
 - Stock the house with healthier food choices the children like. Put fruits and vegetables in clear sight. Make it "grab & go" as much as possible.
 - If you buy soda, avoid large bottles and offer cans.
 - Limit the locations for eating to the kitchen & dining room. Avoid bedrooms and eating food in front of the TV. This may also help reduce TV time.
 - Eat as a family when possible.
 - Serve snacks to your child between meals so you have control over what is served. Consider serving at least 2 food groups at each snack.
 - Have set meal times.
 - No TV during family meals.
 - Put vegetables on their plates. Have children try an "adventure bite" or two.
 - Don't make treats forbidden. Less available, yes- but not completely banned or you could foster an obsession.
 - Eat fast-food less often.
 - Avoid overreliance on snack foods bought in bulk at warehouse-style markets. Too many less-healthy choices can be tempting.
 - Limit TV/computer/video game time.
 - Be a role model for an active lifestyle.
 - Avoid nagging a child to eat more or less of a particular food(s).
- Submit questions to Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator/Registered Dietician at 432-3929.

Mammogram Days

March 25th & April 29th

To schedule an appointment,
call Rose Algea at 432-3930



Congratulations Raffle Winners



Debbie Gardipee, February Mammogram winner; Nikki Seymour, January Women's Health winner; and Merline Lewis (pictured with Rose Algea), January Mammogram winner

March is National Nutrition Month

Stop by the clinic for some fresh fruit and enter our "five a day" drawing

Upcoming Events

BRIEF WALK

Every Thursday

Meet at the Elder's Building at 12:40 pm

CARBOHYDRATES

HOW MUCH IS HEALTHY?

Wednesday, March 24

Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Elder's Building

Facilitator: Patty Suskin,

Diabetes Coordinator

FOOT CARE DAY

FOR PEOPLE WITH DIABETES

Tuesday, April 6th

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Call Patty for an appointment time

432-3929

Coming in May...

STRESS & RELAXATION WORKSHOP



Across:

1. A sweet orange tuber that is a good source of beta carotene and vitamin C.
2. You are what you ____.
3. This fruit begins with a p and its name describes its shape. It is high in fiber & vitamin C when eaten with the peel.
4. This long orange root vegetable is one of the richest sources of beta-carotene.
5. This bulb vegetable can make your cry. It contains allylic sulfides, phytochemicals that may help prevent cancer.
6. String ____ This green vegetable contains good amounts of beta carotene & vitamin C.
7. A type of apple that is new and begins with g. Apples are high in pectin, a soluble fiber that helps keep cholesterol low.
8. This bright green fruit is high in vitamin C. It tastes like a cross between a raspberry and a melon. Use it to brighten any salad or fruit salad.
9. Look for these both fresh and frozen. They are small, round and green and are a legume.
10. This common green vegetable is in the cruciferous family. It contains numerous phytochemicals that may help prevent cancer.
11. Look for this large fruit during the summer. It comes in many varieties such as cantaloupe, honeydew and watermelon. Vitamin C and beta-carotene are two nutrients that are found in this juicy fruit.
12. This bulb vegetable contains many phytochemicals which may help prevent cancer.
13. This vegetable contains capsaicin, a phytochemical that may help prevent arthritic pain. A Jalapeno is one.
14. This vegetable is also a grain. Enjoy it on the cobb.

Produce Power Puzzle

Down:

1. Use cabbage to make this type of salad. Cabbage contains indoles that may help prevent cancer.
2. Drinking this beverage may be beneficial to your health, especially if it's green.
3. This vegetable is sold by the head. It is rich in vitamin C and contains indoles, phytochemicals that may help prevent lung, colon and esophageal cancer.
4. This dark green leafy vegetable contains vitamin C, beta carotene and phytochemicals lutein and zeaxanthin that may help keep your eyes healthy. It is similar to collards except its leaves are curly.
5. This vegetable is a fungus and contains a fair amount of B vitamins and some protein.
6. This delicious tropical fruit is high in beta carotene and vitamin C. Its name rhymes with tango.
7. This fruit is eaten as a vegetable and is the main ingredient for pasta sauce and ketchup. It contains plenty of vitamin C and lycopene which may help prevent prostate cancer.
8. The American Institute of Cancer Research recommends that you eat at least this many servings of fruits and vegetables each day.
9. This small red fruit comes with a pit and appears in your store during the summer.
10. Go for the darkest green varieties of this leafy vegetable, which is the base for most salads.

Answers:

Across: 1. yam, 2. slaw, 3. tea, 4. eat, 5. pear, 6. carrot, 7. onion, 8. bean, 9. gala, 10. kiwi, 11. peas, 12 broccoli, 13. melon, 14. garlic, 15. hotpepper, 16. corn.
Down: 6. cabbage, 10. kale, 13. mushroom, 17. mango, 18. tomato, 19. five, 20. cherry, 21. lettuce.



Jerry Schroder
Probation Officer

Hi, I'm Jerry Schroder and recently hired to develop and implement a probation program for the tribal court. I was Director of Probation and Parole Services for the Chehalis Tribal Court before this position.

In my work, I developed a reputation for being fair and interested in the lives of those with whom I am involved. I earned their respect by listening to their problems and being instrumental in helping gain knowledge and strength in a variety of areas to help with their day-to-day living. I am proud of the relationship I have built with the tribal members over the years and have been rewarded for my efforts. Through becoming familiar with many aspects of the tribal environment, I wrote some of the Chehalis Tribal Code and Comprehensive Emergency Plan.

About 7 years ago, I attended a 3-day probation officer's training seminar. The trainer was impressed with my own materials that I had developed and experience I had gained. By the next training I became a partner/trainer with him. Over the years, we have taught on over 100 reservations throughout the nation and I continue to do the training to this day. I helped guide many on how-to operate and manage a successful probation system. I have written a

comprehensive Probation Handbook that has been distributed and used nationwide.

I have always been interested in Native cultures. It began when I was very young. My father and mother became foster parents to several Native American children. They eventually adopted my younger sister. The exposure taught me a different way and it became a life-long interest of mine. I studied Native history, traditions, and have been privileged to participate in some of the ceremonies.

I live on a farm about 40 minutes from Shelton and feed a few cows before I go to work each day. I'm a family man with a grown son and grandkids. After being a widower for a while, I look forward to adding an extended family when I get married in a couple of months.

Many of my interests and hobbies involve working with my hands. I like woodwork, fabricating metals and customizing cars. I love a good challenge in designing a better way, figuring it out or fixing things.

I look forward in offering my knowledge and experience in helping the Squaxin Island Reservation. I strongly believe it will be better for all involved, with the help of the probation program, in supporting both the people and the court system. I hope to build and maintain a strong and enduring relationship with all tribal members.




Katrina Story
Executive Assistant

Hello my name is Katrina Story, and I recently moved back to Washington from San Jose California where I was for 7 years and worked as a Senior Executive Administrative Assistant for Soletron Corporation. I love being back here with my family and am glad to be working here as an Executive Office Assistant to Ruby Fuller.

The new KTP sign



*Join hands, walk in harmony,
keep the peace*



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at (360) 426-9781



Tribal Member Ray Peters Inducted Into Saint Martin's College Hall of Fame During Homecoming Celebration

Tribal member Ray Peters, who now serves as the Squaxin Island Tribe Executive Director, was recently inducted into the Saint Martin's College Hall of Fame in appreciation for his success as the Head Women's Basketball Coach from 1988 through 1996.

Saint Martin's presented its "distinguished alumni awardees and newest Athletic Hall of Fame inductees" at its 2004 Homecoming celebration January 26-31 on the college campus.

In the late '80s and early '90s, the Lady Saints basketball team became a hot ticket, packing the stands with enthusiastic fans. Led by Ray, the teams stacked an impressive record of wins with seven consecutive 20-win seasons and playoff appearances.

Ray was the first Saints coach to lead a team to a national tournament, the 1995 NAIA Tournament, winning the first round, one of his best memories. During his eight seasons at Saint Martins, his teams compiled a 150-win/73-loss record, 68 percent wins.

In 1996, Ray left Saint Martin's for Montana State University – Northern and continued to compile wins: 93, with 34 losses over a three-year period, three national tournaments trips, and, in 1998-99, a team ranking of seventh in the nation in NAI Division 1 women's basketball. He was recognized as "Conference Coach of the Year" three consecutive times and as "Regional Coach" for the 1998-99 season.

Ray sees his trademark as a coach not in terms of wins, losses and athletic prowess, but rather in his players' social and academic development.

"Wins and losses come and go, but the real gratification comes from seeing people grow," Ray said.

To be closer to his family, Ray left coaching in 1999 to become Deputy Executive Director for the Squaxin Island Tribe. He now is executive director.

The week of activities included an honors and awards dinner and dance on Jan. 30 and, honoring the theme of "Martinopoly," a Monopoly tournament Jan. 28.



Ray Peters receives an award from Dr. David Spangler, President of Saint Martin's College

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- Ray Peters

The week also was highlighted by basketball games, a bonfire with entertainment, a fun run/walk, scholarship/endowment celebration and many other events.

The Homecoming doubleheader pitted the Women Saints basketball team against Seattle Pacific University and the Men Saints against University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

Also receiving awards were Seattle-neurologist Dr. Robert Aigner, for professional achievement; Tacoma automobile dealer Robert P. Mallon, for professional achievement and service to Saint Martin's; Olympia resident Kathie Gallagher Perz, for service to Saint Martin's; KGY-Radio host and General Manager Dick Pust, for professional achievement and community service; Brother Lawrence Vogel, O.S.B., Saint Martin's Abbey, for Benedictine Service; and Basketball players Victor "Skip" Olson and Jack Day.

A plaque with Ray's name on it will be added to Saint Martin's College Worthington Center Hall of Fame.



Ray received recognition for his accomplishment during the quarterly tribal staff meeting held in late January. Human Resources Director Lorna Gouin presented Ray with a bouquet of flowers topped off with a basketball balloon. Joe Peters (middle), Fish Biologist for the Tribe, also offered some words of appreciation.



Welcome to Our New Chief of Police

First off, I want to thank all the people I have met so far for the warm welcome. I have been impressed with the Squaxin Tribe for many years now, and have always thought it would be a great place to work. Over the years in passing, I have noticed a very progressive leadership and friendly people and I look forward to serving the tribe and its people for many years.

For those who don't know me, I will give a little family and background information. I am a member of the Quinault Indian Nation and my ancestry is mostly Chinook. I grew up on Bay Center which is situated in the middle of Willapa Bay in what I call Chinook territory; the state calls it Pacific County.

I graduated from high school in South Bend, Washington and obtained my Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree at The Evergreen State College. I am a single parent raising my 11 year-old son and 9 year-old daughter.

I have been a police officer for more than 16 years in places such as Aberdeen, Seattle, Quinault, Shoalwater and Skokomish. My assignments have been in patrol, narcotics investigations, theft investigations and police chief. Working for so many and varied departments has given me a broad view of the profession, and I believe a better understanding of the techniques and the many rolls of the modern police force.

Many would agree that the majority of our social problems on and off the reservations stem from substance abuse. While I do not deny this, I have to say that in my view, the problem is much deeper than that. There are root causes of that substance abuse and some of them are poverty, historical oppression and the clash of cultures to name a few. Law enforcement cannot solve these problems, but we can be part of the solution. Traditional American law enforcement was strictly reactionary with very little emphasis on prevention. Today the focus must shift to prevention, thereby reducing the need for reactionary forces. Modern tribal police departments still must be trained and equipped to take on



Robbin Rhoades

the reactionary roll, but at the same time, they must be mentally prepared to engage in preventive tactics as well. When I talk about preventive tactics, I am talking about the police force's involvement with social services, education, the courts, other branches of government and the community at large.

We, as Indian people, must find our own solutions to the social ills that continue to pull many of us down and enslave young and old alike. We must be willing to confront using and dealing illegal drugs or abusing alcohol and tell them that they are wrong. We must have the courage to tell the abusive parent, whether male or female, that it is wrong to deal with their problems by force and intimidation. We must teach our children to respect themselves. In so doing, they will respect others.

The values of a tribe, or any society, are reflected in the laws they adopt and declare as the norms by which

each individual is expected to live. Many of our ancestors lived in societies where the group was more important than the individual. Today the American system is more focused on the individual. The resulting individualism has contributed to social problems both on and off of our reservations. I believe we must get back to the days when the good of the whole was just as important as the good of the individual.

Ultimately, my job is to serve and protect the people of Squaxin Island and their property, as well as to carry out orders directed to me through my superiors and the Tribal Council as they are directed by the voting members of the Squaxin Island Indian reservation. I sincerely hope that my law enforcement philosophies will blend with that of the other departments and with the will of the Squaxin people to bring about solutions to our varied problems and, in so doing, bring about greater peace and harmony within our community.

Narcotics Tips Line

Any illegal drug information (on or off-reservation) can be reported without leaving your name. Simply call the number below and leave detailed information regarding the activity.

432-3898





Thirty Year Anniversary of "The Boldt Decision"

JOHN DODGE THE OLYMPIAN

If the landmark court ruling known as the Boldt decision has an epicenter, it very well could be the lower Nisqually River watershed on the Thurston County border.

That's the home of the treaty tree, which stands sentinel over the site where Washington Territorial Gov. Isaac Stevens and South Sound tribes signed the Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854.

Thirty years ago this Thursday, U.S. District Court Judge George H. Boldt handed down a shocker of a decision, relying on that treaty to all but assure Western Washington treaty tribes a right to half of the harvestable salmon and steelhead in the region.

It's also the home of Frank's Landing, a 6-acre riverfront parcel where Indian activists, borrowing a page from the civil rights movement, staged fish-ins in the early 1960s to draw attention to their yet-to-be-accepted treaty right to fish.

And it's the birthplace of Billy Frank Jr., the charismatic, leather-faced Nisqually Indian who has devoted his life to keeping his tribe and others connected to the salmon and their rivers.

Legal scholars call the Boldt decision -- based on U.S. vs. Washington -- one of the most significant natural resource rulings in Pacific Northwest history, reshaping state fisheries and the way salmon are managed.

For Western Washington treaty tribes and nontribal fishers alike, the ruling hit home in much the same way the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Brown vs. Board of Education* did 50 years ago in the Deep South, said former state Department of Fisheries director Bill Wilkerson.

But in many respects the promise of the Boldt decision is unfulfilled. Salmon are in decline. Prices for fresh-caught fish are rock bottom. And many tribal members remain shackled in poverty.

"We're getting further away from salmon recovery," Frank said. "Natural resources are so low on the totem pole, nobody cares."

An activist is born

When Frank talks, most people listen.

Born on the Nisqually River in 1931, he started fishing -- and getting arrested by state police -- at the age of 14.

Staying true to his conviction that his people had a treaty right to fish in the river, he kept on fishing, one of a handful of Indian activists who bucked the system in the face of racism, harassment and beatings.

Fifty arrests and a two-year stint in the Marine Corps later, the strong-willed, defiant man pushed and pulled Indian treaty fishing rights to the forefront.

The fish-ins and culture clashes reached a crescendo in 1970 at a fish encampment on the Puyallup River in Pierce County. Using tear gas and clubs, about 200 state game wardens

and police broke up the camp and arrested 60 Indians and their supporters.

"I was there," Frank recalls. "And so was U.S. Attorney Stan Pitkin."

Rankled by the state's strong-arm tactics, Pitkin filed a lawsuit against the state on behalf of the tribes nine days later.

It was a tribal dream come true, an opportunity for a fair trial on the merits of the 1854-55 treaties signed by the tribes and Territorial Gov. Stevens, Frank recalls.

"We'd been trying to get the feds to take the case for years and years," he said.

The judge assigned to the case was George Boldt, a law-and-order judge, avid sports fisherman, and Eisenhower appointee who had no previous experience in Indian law.

Central to the U.S. vs. Washington case was the treaty clause that read: "The right of taking fish at usual and accustomed grounds and stations is further secured to said Indians in common with all citizens of the territory."

In his ruling, Boldt relied on an 1828 Webster's American Dictionary definition of "in common with" to mean, in essence, 50 percent of the catch.

Overnight, American Indians -- who made up 1 percent of the state population and had been limited to 5 percent of the fish harvest -- had the right to catch half the harvestable salmon and steelhead.

The decision outraged state officials and nontribal sports and commercial fishers alike. Their steadfast belief was that the treaty words meant that Indians had the same rights to fish as all



Billy Frank Jr., a Nisqually Indian whose life is inextricably linked to the Nisqually River and the Boldt decision, stands beneath the dugout canoe he used to fish for salmon as a young man. Mounted on the wall at the Wa-He-Lut Indian School at Frank's Landing, it was confiscated by state Department of Game wardens during an Indian "fish-in" in 1964 and not returned to Frank until 1980, a year after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Boldt decision.



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citizens of the state, subject to state fishing rules and regulations.

Now, 30 years later, bitterness over the ruling remains in some nontribal circles, but nothing like what existed at the time. Much of the acrimony is based on the fish runs they say have been strangled by tribal netting. That's left fewer good fish for the recreational anglers.

The Boldt decision still rankles John Hendrick of Oakville, but he tries to laugh about it. Hendrick, who fishes for steelhead five days a week on the Cowlitz River, hooked a fish at the Blue Creek Hole Friday afternoon, but it wasn't what he hoped for.

"It's a Boldt fish!" Hendrick said when he saw the sucker flopping around at the end of his line.

Impact on business

The Boldt decision was among the factors that led to major reductions in the nontribal commercial fishing fleet.

For instance, ocean trollers, which fish for salmon with hooks and lines, numbered 3,090 in 1978, but are down to about 160 today, Hoquiam commercial fisherman Doug Fricke said. And only about 50 of those boats are active in the fishery, which is much more heavily regulated than it was 30 years ago.

"We don't agree with the Boldt decision, but it's the law," Fricke has said over the years.

Fricke continues to make a living on the ocean waters by fishing for salmon, tuna and crab.

"The nontribal fishermen have come to understand that there are tribal harvesters and nontribal harvesters and they both need to work together to protect and restore salmon habitat," Fricke said.



A mural at the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission office shows Billy Frank Jr. (left) and his brother, Don, working their nets during the "fish war" era.

But that's not all. The 19 Western Washington treaty tribes were thrust into the role of managing the salmon resource on equal footing with the state.

"Boldt went way out on a limb -- he said the tribes should manage their own fisheries," Nisqually tribe natural resources director David Troutt said. "It was such a huge opportunity for us."

Legal battles

The ruling was fought on the water and in the courtroom by nontribal fishers and the state.

"There was illegal fishing all over Puget Sound -- from Bellingham Bay to the Nisqually River," Frank said of the post-Boldt years. "The commercial fishermen kept fishing and the state wouldn't enforce the law. The fish weren't making it back to the rivers."

Nontribal fishermen levy similar charges against the tribal fishermen.

Hendrick said the first years of Boldt were painful, as nets filled the rivers and runs of salmon and steelhead plummeted, leaving suckers for sport anglers.

"They netted the daylights out of the Chehalis," said Hendrick, who has fished Washington rivers since 1963. "I just stopped fishing the river."

It wasn't until after 1979 -- the year the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Boldt decision -- that co-management between the state and tribes began. They took on the serious work of estimating run sizes and sharing the salmon harvest from the ocean to the rivers.

"By the early 1980s, people were trying to come together," former state Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Bob Turner said. "It was all about changing the attitudes of people and building a culture of trust."

Then in the 1990s, the state and tribes shifted focus to protecting and enhancing salmon habitat, propelled by dwindling salmon runs that had resulted from poor ocean survival, habitat loss, historic over-harvesting of certain stocks and the impact of hydroelectric dams and hatcheries on wild salmon runs. By 1994, things were so bad, most salmon fishing in the region was curtailed for the year.

In recent years, salmon returns and salmon fishing has rebounded, due in large part to improved ocean survival and more care taken to harvest hatchery fish and let wild salmon escape to return to streams to spawn. The Endangered Species Act listing of Puget

Sound chinook and six other salmon and steelhead populations in 1999 galvanized support for salmon recovery like never before.

Fishing has improved in Western Washington during the past five years or so, and the tribes and the state seem to be working to restore steelhead and salmon runs, Hendrick agreed.

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"The Chehalis has gotten a little better," Hendrick said. "The Wynoochee and the Satsop are pretty good."

More fish, less money

Ironically, as support for saving salmon has grown, the price for their catch is lower than at the time of the Boldt decision. Fishermen blame the decline on a glut of farm-raised fish in the marketplace.

"I was getting \$2.50 to \$3 a pound for spring chinook in 1974," Fricke said. "It was \$1.50 to \$2 a pound last year."

"The price was better 30 years ago," agreed Nugie Kautz, a Nisqually tribal fisherman who has fished the river since 1957. "It's worse than it was before the Boldt decision."

Before the Boldt decision, Kautz would fish at night to avoid arrest and constantly had his nets confiscated by game wardens, one of whom he and Frank saved from drowning in a logjam during the fish-ins at Frank's Landing in 1964.

"We had a lot of fish before the Boldt decision," Kautz said. "I used to be able to make money."

Still, Kautz, 65, can be found on the water every tribal fishing season, setting his nets in search of chinook, coho and winter chum.

"I'll keep fishing -- I got nothing else to do," Kautz said. "If I didn't fish, I'd probably flop over dead."

Tribal members who don't fish are glad Kautz still does.

"If we get fish hungry, Nugie takes care of us," Sheila McCloud said.

Upholding a legacy

Frank, who spent many a harrowing day on the river with Kautz, remains the chair of the of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, a position he's had on behalf of the treaty tribes for almost 25 years. At 72, he shows no signs of letting go of his role as the tribes' goodwill ambassador and staunchest voice for salmon recovery.

"I hope I'm good for another 50 years," he says, followed by his infectious laugh. He's only half-kidding. His father lived to be 104.

Frank is the first to say the Boldt decision was a godsend for the tribes, helping them build the infrastructure they

need to manage their fishing and restore the habitat.

"I'm really proud of our tribes," he said. "We have more biologists and scientists than the state does."

At the same time, he is quick to say that the promise and potential of the Boldt decision have not been fulfilled. Puget Sound population growth, pollution, dwindling state funding for natural resource agencies, and the never-ending battle to keep enough cool, clean water in the rivers and streams for fish have taken their toll.

But for every message cloaked in pessimism are actions of hope and vision from a remarkable man who turned himself from a "get-arrested guy" into tribal leader.

To drive the point home, he talks with enthusiasm about his plans this year to return to the Nisqually River to teach



Fishing rights from 1854

1854
Washington Territorial Gov. Isaac Stevens and South Sound tribes meet in the Nisqually Valley and sign the Medicine Creek Treaty. The treaty recognizes certain Indian rights, including: "the right of taking fish at all usual and accustomed stations ... in common with all citizens of the Territory." Medicine Creek was the first of six treaties signed in a two-year period. Those treaties also granted government control over 64 million acres of Indian country.

1907

The state bans commercial net fishing on all rivers in the state, except the Columbia. In effect, the move outlaws the tribes' main way of fishing.

1940s

The Makah and Yakima tribes challenge state fishing laws, pointing to language in the 1854-55 treaties.

1954

Robert Satiacum, a Puyallup Indian, sets the stage for the so-called fish wars between Indian activists and state game wardens by using a gillnet to fish for steelhead in the Puyallup River in Pierce County.

1962-65

Individual fishing families stage a series of "fish-ins" on the Nisqually, Puyallup and other Puget Sound rivers, leading to repeated arrests of Indian activists, including Billy Frank Jr. Celebrity civil rights supporters such as Dick Gregory, Marlon Brando and Jane Fonda participate in the protests on the riverbanks.

1970

Tacoma and state police use tear gas and clubs to arrest 59 protesters camped on the Puyallup River. Nine days later, the U.S. government files a lawsuit against the state of Washington on behalf of the tribes and the treaties.

1973

U.S. vs. Washington trial begins before U.S. District Court Judge George Boldt in Tacoma.

Feb. 12, 1974

Boldt rules that treaty tribes are entitled to half of the harvestable salmon and steelhead. The ruling also sets the stage for the state and tribes to manage salmon resources together, as partners.

1979

After several court challenges, the U.S. Supreme Court upholds the Boldt decision.

1994

U.S. District Court Judge Edward Rafeedie affirms that Western Washington treaty tribes have the right to harvest half of the naturally occurring shellfish in Puget Sound, effectively expanding the Boldt decision to shellfish.

1999

The U.S. Supreme Court refuses to review Rafeedie's ruling, letting it stand.



Being Indian Is!

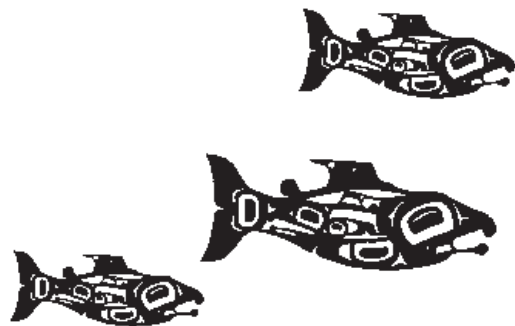
Submitted by Debbie Obi

Being Indian is
being proud of what you are - Indian
Being Indian is
knowing the Great Spirit
Being Indian is
respecting tribal ceremonies
Being Indian is
knowing your tribal dances
Being Indian is
knowing the songs of worship and celebration
Being Indian is
respecting and helping your elders
Being Indian is
being generous and helpful to all in need
Being Indian is
being brave and having courage
Being Indian is
being kind and understanding
Being Indian is
being proud of your family
Being Indian is
being thankful for what nature brings

Proud of Dad

Hi, my name is Nicole Cooper, and I just want to say I'm very proud of my dad, because he was very happy to see his "new toy (scow)". We always went for long rides to see his "new toy." I loved doing this big favor for him, because he was always very excited to see it, even when we were creeping up to Astoria where we got it, but I can say that it was a good ride. I love you Daddy and I'm happy for you!! Its about time the HOC got something new instead of used or made of wood.

- Nicole Cooper



**Happy Birthday
Adolfo Douglas, Susan Faye
and Brittany Faye
Love,
Aunt Misti**

Tribes Tracking Chinook Journey in Puget Sound

The journey of young chinook salmon after they leave their home rivers is longer and more meandering than previously thought, according to data collected earlier this year by Nisqually and Squaxin Island tribal researchers.

Researchers say that spring chinook from the White River near Buckley made up nearly 20 percent of the salmon found by the Squaxin Island Tribe during beach seine surveys in the South Sound.

"Salmon use more than the nearshore habitat around where their rivers enter Puget Sound," said Jim Peters, Natural Resources Director for the Squaxin Island Tribe.

One of the White River spring chinook was found swimming in Oakland Bay past Shelton, about as deep into the south end of Puget Sound as it could possibly go. "Nearshore habitat around here is not only important to a chum salmon leaving Mill Creek, but also to a spring chinook from the White River," Peters said.

Joining the Squaxin in the research are members of the Nisqually Tribe. Both are conducting beach seining projects to explore salmon usage of the nearshore. Habitat on the nearshore generally encompasses water to to 20 feet deep where there is enough light for plants to grow.

"The prevailing wisdom is that most salmon leave their natal streams and generally head north toward the ocean," said David Troutt, Natural Resources Director for the Nisqually. "But since it now seems that chinook move all over the Puget Sound, every piece of nearshore habitat is important."

Sayre Hodgson of the Nisqually said one chinook they found had left the Soos Creek Hatchery, traveled down the Green River, went through Elliott Bay and ended up in the Nisqually River estuary in about a month.

"Juvenile salmon use the nearshore environment much the same way they use freshwater streams and rivers: feeding, growing and hiding from predators," said Jeff Dickison, Policy Analyst for the Squaxin. "The nearshore period of the salmon life history can become a major bottleneck if they don't find enough food or cover there."

Data collected during the two studies is being used in a salmon recovery plan being put together by the two tribes and other local governments. The plan will guide recovery efforts in the marine waters south of the Tacoma Narrows.

"The more we understand how salmon from other parts of the Puget Sound interact with the nearshore environment here, the better we can protect and restore it," Dickison said.

The plan will also address the needs of other salmon species which are listed as threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act.





Appreciation

I would like to acknowledge Sam Askew, Hotel Manager. I would like to give him a huge "Thank You" for the work he and his staff put into making the Little Creek Casino Hotel a success, I am very impressed.

After the tour of the hotel, I am very proud to be a Squaxin Island Tribal Member, as we all should be with this new enterprise.

I would like to encourage the tribal members to go and ask for a tour of the hotel, it is great.

I still have to try out the escalator.

Happy Belated Birthday
Lydia
Love Mom & Marcella

Who Is It?
Answer from Page 8

Happy Birthday
Angie Lopeman
Love,
Ruthie & Family

Happy Birthday
To My Son, Joseph
Love,
Mom, Madeena, Abel and
Little Bros

Happy Birthday
Alexandria
From Aunt Marcella,
Gramma and Cousins

Happy Birthday
To My Baby Boy
Raymond
Love,
Mom, Dad, Gramma,
Sisters and Brothers

MARCH YOUTH CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Lushootseed Language Beginning Class 4:15 - 5:30	Youth Council Presents Potlatch Arts & Crafts 4:00 - 6:00	Lushootseed Language Drop in Tutoring 4:30 - 5:30	Youth Tribal Council 4:00 - 4:30 Language Class 4:30 - 6:00	Lushootseed Language Drop in Tutoring 12:00 - 2:00	Youth Language Games 1:00 - 3:00
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28	29	30	31	There is now less than four months remaining until the canoe journey. The host is being discussed, but it will not be cancelled. The tribal canoe families will not allow a reviving tradition to be "cancelled." Too much good has come of it to simply skip it.		
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COMMUNITY



Happy Birthday

Christy Block	3/2	Terrah Arstein	3/10	Robert Anderson, Jr.	3/17	Ronin Edwards	3/23
Clayton Briggs	3/3	Adrian Garcia	3/10	Monte Morris	3/17	Angel Hall	3/23
Arnold Cooper	3/3	Walter Henry III	3/10	Kenneth Napoleon	3/17	Gilocio Orozco	3/23
Vincent Henry, Jr.	3/3	Joseph Rivera	3/10	Jamie Peters	3/17	Ruby Whitener Fuller	3/24
Serena Mickelson	3/3	Billy Yocash	3/10	Thomas Blueback, Jr.	3/18	John Whitener	3/24
Chazmin Peters	3/3	Krissa Brown Garcia	3/11	Jolene Peters	3/18	Taylor Wiley	3/24
Daniel Snyder	3/3	Susan McFarlane	3/11	Teresa Armstrong	3/19	Shelby West	3/25
Angela Lopeman	3/4	Alexandria Rivera	3/11	Michael Bloomfield	3/19	Jerad Lopeman Fry	3/26
Adolfo McFarlane	3/4	Cindy Ehler	3/12	Raymond Castro	3/19	James Coxwell	3/27
Nicole Hilla	3/6	Trevor Napoleon	3/13	Calvin Peters	3/19	Lucke Newell	3/27
Andrienne Whitener	3/7	Chantel Peterson	3/14	Vicky York	3/19	Dewey Sigo	3/27
Belinda Hoffman	3/8	Andrew Whitener	3/14	Lachell Johns	3/20	Brittany McFarlane	3/28
Glen Parker	3/8	Lois Woodard	3/14	Mykolas Parker	3/20	Eric Ellerby	3/30
Stella Yocash	3/8	Tashina Ackerman	3/15	Doyle Foster	3/21	Felicia Ellerby	3/30
Ida Cooper	3/9	Brandon Blueback	3/15	Charlene Krise	3/23	Ronald Whitener	3/30
James Krise	3/9	Rebecca Case	3/16	Nora Coxwell	3/23	Stephen Henry	3/31
Marjorie Penn-Wolf	3/9	Sally Johns	3/16	Jessica Cleveland	3/23	Christina Lopeman	3/31
						Jennifer Shelton	3/31

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH

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		Church 7:30	Drum practice 6:00 p.m., MLRC	Brief Walk After Lunch	AA Meeting 7:30	
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		Court Church 7:30	Drum practice 6:00 p.m., MLRC	Tribal Council Brief Walk After Lunch	AA Meeting 7:30	
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		Court Church 7:30	Carbohydrates How Much Is Healthy? Noon, Elders Bldg Drum practice 6:00 p.m., MLRC	Eating on the Run Health Tips for Busy People Noon, Elders Bldg Brief Walk After Lunch	AA Meeting 7:3	
28	29	30	31			
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MARCH YOUTH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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28	29	30	31	Baseball meeting 4:30 Monday March 8. Please be there. I need to know if we have enough youth to field a T-Ball and minor league team. Also I will be handing out practice schedules. Coaches are needed. Call me at 426-9781 ext. 3872. Leave a message if you cannot attend. I will be in Minnesota until March 7th.		
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